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Title: Composite Structures and Methods for Ablating Tissue to Form Complex Lesion Patterns in the Treatment of Cardiac Conditions and the Like

Group Art Unit: 3737

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks, and that the references be made of record as cited references in the application.

Applicant hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in Section 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.¹

¹ Applicant notes that the application upon which U.S. Patent No. 6,241,754 is based was known to applicant. However, applicant respectfully submits that the US Patent

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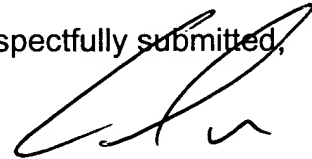
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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itself could not have been known to applicant prior to the issue date. Should the Examiner disagree with this analysis, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative to discuss this matter further.

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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT				Applicant: Swanson et al.			
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UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	AA	6,241,754 B1	06/05/01	Swanson et al.			
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